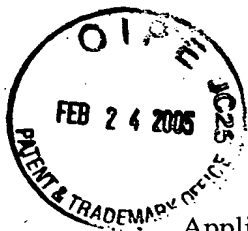


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Agent File No.: 14654-5us GH/ik

Applicant: PHILIPPE SAVOIE
Serial No.: 10/810,563
Filed: March 29, 2004
Title: BIDIRECTIONAL FORAGE BALE DRYER
AND METHOD OF OPERATION
Examiner: Jiping Lu
Group Art Unit: 3749 Confirmation No. 8291

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
U.S.A.

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2005.

Responsive to the Office Action, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the Group I claims in this application, namely claims 1 to 11.

This election is made with traverse as it is believed that because the method claims contain structural limitations to the apparatus, there is a close relationship between the apparatus and method claims and that this should not necessitate a distinct and separate search by the Examiner. The method claims do not go beyond the scope of the apparatus as defined in the apparatus claims. Accordingly, Applicant hereby requests a favourable reconsideration of the election requirement.

Commissioner for Patents

In the event that this request is not accepted by the Examiner, then the method claims will be cancelled at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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